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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA TABLES FOR USE BY AHG

REFS: (A) NATO 6687 (DTG 111802Z JUL 77), (B) NATO 6689
(DTG 112139Z JUL 77), (C) STATE 160135 (DTG 092058Z JUL 77),
(D) NATO 6580 (DTG 081455Z JUL 77)

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE OFFERS MISSION COMMENT AND REQUESTS
GUIDANCE FOR SPC MEETING JULY 14 ON DATA TABLES WHICH AHG
MAY DRAW ON IN CONNECTION WITH GUIDANCE TO AHG ON CON-
TINUATION OF THE DATA DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY

2. SPC WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, JULY 14 TO CONSIDER DATA
TABLES WHICH THE AHG MAY USE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
GUIDANCE THE AHG APPROVED IN SPC ON JULY 11 (REFS A & B).

3. RE ANNEX I ON GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL, WE HAVE REQUESTED
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FOR THE THURSDAY MEETING FURTHER WASHINGTON COMMENT ON THE
ORIGIN OF THE 3024 FIGURE FOR US ACTIVE DUTY GROUND
PERSONNEL AT MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS, SINCE THIS FIGURE
IS SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN THE FIGURE DEVELOPED BY MBFR
STAFF GROUP (PARA 3 REFTEL B). WE WOULD FIRST DISCUSS
THE WASHINGTON COMMENT WITH MBFR STAFF GROUP (GROUP CAPTAIN
SMITH) AND THEN PROPOSE IN SPC THE CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT

OF THE FIGURES IN ANNEX I. WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST DELETION FROM ANNEX I OF THE SENTENCE "THE AHG MAY DRAW ON AC/276-D (76) 6 FOR DATA ON DIVISIONS" IN VIEW OF US DESIRE FOR A SEPARATE ANNEX SPECIFYING THE DIVISIONAL DATA. WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS WITH THE OTHER ALLIES ON ANNEX I, UNLESS THE INTRODUCTION OF A NATIONALLY DEVELOPED FIGURE FOR US ACTIVE DUTY GROUND PERSONNEL AT MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS LED OTHER DELEGATIONS TO GO BACK TO CAPITALS FOR THEIR OWN NATIONALLY DEVELOPED FIGURES FOR PERSONNEL AT MULTILATERAL HEADQUARTERS. WE BELIEVE OTHER ALLIES WILL SUPPORT THE US DESIRE FOR A SEPARATE ANNEX SPECIFYING DIVISIONAL DATA, AND THIS ALREADY SEEMS TO BE THE FRG PREFERENCE.

4. RE ANNEX II ON AIR MANPOWER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IN TIME FOR THE THURSDAY MEETING THE FORMAT REFERRED TO IN PARA 6 REF C. WE WOULD PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS FORMAT WITH MBFR STAFF GROUP AT OPENING OF BUSINESS. PARA 6 OF REF C ALSO STATED THAT A MORE DETAILED SECURITY IMPLICATIONS STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ANY DISAGGREGATION "BELOW THE LEVELS OF MAJOR AIR FORMATIONS". WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THE US WISHES TO STATE ITS OWN VIEWS ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS IN SPC, OR WHETHER THE US WISHES AN AGREED ALLIANCE STUDY IN THE MBFR WORKING GROUP, SIMILAR TO THE WG STUDY ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASING GROUND MANPOWER DATA (AC/276-D (75) 9). IF THE
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US PREFERS A WG STUDY, THE SPC COULD GIVE THE WG A MANDATE SIMILAR TO THE SPC MANDATE FOR THE GROUND MANPOWER STUDY (CONTAINED IN PARA I OF AC/276-D (75) 9). WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THAT A WG STUDY WOULD BE LENGTHY, AND SOME OF THE INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL IN THE WG PAPER ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS RE GROUND MANPOWER DATA WOULD ALSO APPLY IN A STUDY RE AIR MANPOWER DATA.

5. RE ANNEX III ON DIVISIONAL DATA, MBFR STAFF GROUP DISTRIBUTED AT JULY 11 SPC MEETING THE TABLE ON DIVISIONAL DATA WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GIVEN ONLY TO US AND FRG DELEGATIONS (REF D). HOWEVER, STAFF GROUP DID NOT CIRCULATE THE SECTION OF THIS TABLE ENTITLED "MAJOR BDE AND REGT SIZE COMBAT UNITS" IN VIEW OF US WISH NOT TO LIST UNITS OF LESS THAN DIVISIONAL SIZE (PARA 7, REF C), WHICH WE CONVEYED TO STAFF GROUP EARLIER IN THE DAY. AT THE JULY 11 SPC MEETING, FRG REP (CITRON) REITERATED THE FRG WISH THAT DIVISIONAL DATA BE LISTED IN THE SAME FORMAT AS THE DATA ON MAJOR FORMATIONS (E.G., I(GE) CORPS, 3 ARMD DIVISION, 19, 508), RATHER THAN LISTING THE FRG DIVISIONS UNDER A COLUMN ENTITLED "GE". AT THE JULY 14 SPC MEETING, ONCE THE ALLIES OTHER THAN US AND FRG HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW

THIS TABLE, WE PLAN TO ACCEPT IT (IN THE FORMAT SUGGESTED BY FRG REP), PER PARA 7 REF C.

6. BELGIAN REP (CROLLEN) STATED AT THE JULY 11 SPC MEETING THAT BELGIUM WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE WAY THIS DIVISIONAL TABLE LISTS BELGIAN DATA. HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT WAYS TO LIST BELGIAN DIVISIONAL DATA WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT A LARGE PART OF THE SUPPLY FUNCTION FOR BELGIAN FORCES IS LOCATED AT THE CORPS LEVEL (AND THEREBY INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR FORMATIONS FIGURE IN ANNEX I). PRESENTATION OF BELGIAN DATA IN THE WAY SUGGESTED BY MBFR STAFF GROUP'S ANNEX III WOULD REFLECT

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IN A DEROGATORY WAY ON THE BELGIAN DEFENSE EFFORT. HE SAID HE WOULD BE EXPLAINING FURTHER WHAT THE BELGIANS HAD IN MIND RE PRESENTATION OF THEIR DATA IN ANNEX III.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR JULY 14 SPC MEETING AS REQUESTED ABOVE. BENNETT

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